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**Title** Method and system for storing structured documents in their native format in a database

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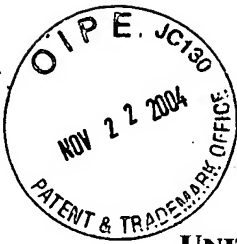
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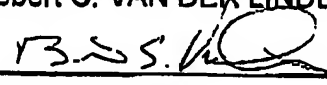
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